



State of Louisiana

Department of Environmental Quality



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SECRETARY

The Honorable Ronnie C. Harris
Mayor, City of Gretna
P.O. Box 404
Gretna, LA 70054-0404

Dear Mayor Harris:

RE: Westbank Asbestos Community Outreach Meetings

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Louisiana Office of Public Health (LOPH) want to thank you and your staff for allowing us to hold our recent meetings at Gretna City Hall. The City Hall provided us a professional, comfortable environment in which to brief officials and community leaders on the Westbank Asbestos removal project.

Although we appreciated your fine facility, our deepest appreciation goes to your staff. They not only tolerated our "invasion," but made us feel welcome by answering questions, giving assistance with parking, directing people to the meetings, and even offering excellent suggestions for lunch. Your entire staff treated us courteously, but your secretary, Ms. Becky Estee, was especially helpful.

We hope to have your continued support as we move forward with the removal project. Because DEQ, EPA and LOPH are committed to keeping the Westbank community informed, we plan to hold additional community meetings and distribute periodic site updates. We will also continue to maintain a local phone number, 363-4917, for citizens to call for information.

You have our assurance that we will keep you updated on this project. However, if you have any questions or need further information, please give one of us a call at (504) 765-0370 or (504) 765-0102 respectively.

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Sincerely,

Herman Robinson
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